

# Senate Resolution 115 - Introduced

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY COURTNEY

1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to act  
2 in support of the Iowa board of pharmacy contracting  
3 to convene a task force on medical marijuana.

4 WHEREAS, the board of pharmacy performed a careful  
5 evaluation and held hearings around the state in 2009  
6 prior to developing a recommendation regarding the  
7 usage of marijuana for medicinal purposes; and

8 WHEREAS, in February 2010 the board of pharmacy  
9 unanimously recommended reclassifying the drug to  
10 allow its use for pain, nausea, and other symptoms from  
11 diseases such as cancer, acquired immune deficiency  
12 syndrome (AIDS), and multiple sclerosis; and

13 WHEREAS, the board of pharmacy recommended formation  
14 of a task force to make recommendations regarding the  
15 administration of a medical marijuana program; NOW  
16 THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative  
18 council is requested to act in support of the board  
19 of pharmacy contracting to convene a task force on  
20 medical marijuana to meet during the 2010 legislative  
21 interim; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force be  
23 charged to study and make recommendations regarding  
24 reclassifying marijuana from schedule I of Iowa's  
25 controlled substances law under Code chapter 124 into  
26 schedule II of the law, and for implementation and  
27 administration of a medical marijuana program; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the voting membership

1 of the task force should include but not be limited to  
2 all of the following:

- 3 1. A representative of a seriously ill patient.
- 4 2. A representative of law enforcement.
- 5 3. A representative of the attorney general.
- 6 4. A representative of a human immunodeficiency  
7 virus (HIV) organization or a physician caring for a  
8 patient with AIDS.
- 9 5. A representative of substance abuse treatment  
10 providers.
- 11 6. A person who is living with a serious illness  
12 or a representative of a hospice or palliative care  
13 provider.
- 14 7. A representative of the Iowa board of nursing.
- 15 8. A representative of the Iowa board of medicine.
- 16 9. Two representatives of the Iowa board of  
17 pharmacy.
- 18 10. A physician who is caring for a patient with  
19 cancer.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in addition to the  
21 voting membership, four legislative members from  
22 both political parties and both houses of the general  
23 assembly should be appointed to act as ex officio,  
24 nonvoting members of the task force; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force be  
26 directed to submit a report, including findings and  
27 recommendations, to the governor, general assembly, and  
28 board of pharmacy on or before December 15, 2010.